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TAGSC CPRS, MX (BANNEN, BOB)

SUBJ: POV ABANDONED IN MAZATLAN CONSULAR DISTRICT

REF: STATE 157888

1. CONGRESSMAN BONKER INTERESTED.

2. THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME GREAT MISUNDERSTANDING ON THE CASE OF MR BANNEN, AS OUR FILES SHOW THE FOLLOWING.

3. ON MAY 9TH THIS OFFICE RECEIVED A CALL FROM MR. BANNEN IN ACAPONETA, NAYARIT. HE STATED TO CONSUL PRIETO THAT HE WANTED TO SELL HIS 1971 VOLKSWAGEN BECAUSE OF MECHANICAL PROBLEM AS HE DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PAY FOR THE REPAIRS. HE WAS INFORMED THAT SALE OF HIS VEHICLE WAS NOT PERMISSIBLE AS HE ENTERED MEXICO AS A TOURIST AND HAD NO OTHER RECOURSE BUT TO TAKE THE CAR OUT OF THE COUNTRY. AN ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTION WAS FOR HIM TO SEE THE CHIEF OF THE MEXICAN TREASURY DEPARTMENT IN ACAPONETA REQUESTING THAT THEY TAKE OVER THE CAR UNTIL HE COULD ARRANGE FOR REPAIRS AND THE RECLAIM OF IT AT A LATER DATE.

4. ON MAY 12TH, A SECOND CALL FROM BANNEN WAS RECEIVED THIS TIME FROM TACOMA, WASHINGTON, TO INFORM THIS OFFICE THAT HE HAD, ON HIS OWN COGNIZANCE, ABANDONED HIS PRIVATELY OWN VEHICLE ON KILOMETER 111 OF THE HIGHWAY 15 (MAZATLAN-TEPIC). BANNEN WANTED THIS OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS ON HIS BEHALF FOR THE RETURN OF HIS VEHICLE TO HIM. HE WAS INFORMED THAT

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THIS WAS A PERSONAL MATTER AND CONSULAR OFFICERS WERE

PROHIBITED FROM ACTING AS REPRESENTATIVES OR AGENTS OF INDIVIDUALS. CONSUL PRIETO HOWEVER, OFFERED AND DID WRITE THE MEXICAN TREASURY DEPARTMENT IN ACAPONETA INFORMING THEM OF THE AUTOMOBILE AND INDICATING THAT MR. BANNEN WOULD BE CONTACTING THEM DIRECTLY REGARDING THIS MATTER. WHETHER HE DID OR NOT IS NOT KNOWN TO THIS OFFICE.

5. CONCERNING CERTAIN ALLEGATIONS MADE BY BANNEN, CONSUL PRIETO WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY THAT AT NO TIME DID HE ASSUME, PROMISE OR INDICATE THAT HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF BANNEN'S PERSONAL PROBLEM. ON THE CONTRARY ON JUNE 12TH, A LETTER WAS WRITTEN TO HIM CLARIFYING THIS SITUATION AND FOR HIS INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED A LIST OF ATTORNEYS SHOULD HE WISH TO NAME A REPRESENTATIVE. THE STATUS OF HIS CAR IS UNKNOWN AND THIS OFFICE FEELS THAT ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO BANNEN ON A VERY PERSONAL MATTER.
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